



City of Hamilton
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 24-005
Date: June 3, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Matt Gauthier, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 6437

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.3 Correspondence respecting Item 10.1(a) - Sub-section (a)(i) to Report BOH24010, Heat Response Strategy, from the following individuals:

- *b. ACORN Hamilton, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic and Environment Hamilton

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Delegation Requests respecting Item 11.1, Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone", for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- *f. Krista Laing, Canadian Union of Public Employees

*6.2 Delegations Requests respecting Item 10.1(a) - Sub-section (a)(i) to Report BOH24010, Heat Response Strategy (For today's meeting)

- *a. Daniel Chin, Hamilton and District Apartment Association

- *b. James Kemp

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

*10.4 Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project (BOH24017) (City Wide)

Please refer to Item 14.1 for Confidential Appendix "A" to this Report.



Environment
Hamilton



Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
Clinique juridique communautaire de Hamilton



Canadian
Environmental Law
Association
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June 3rd 2024

Written delegation from ACORN Hamilton, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic and Environment Hamilton regarding 10.1 Expansion of Subsidy for Air-Conditioning to Low-Income Households (BOH24010(a)) (City Wide)

Our coalition strongly supports the expansion of the \$350 air conditioner subsidy and the expansion of the program's eligibility criteria. Our groups came together in the spring of 2023 to advocate for municipal tenant protections from extreme heat.

On April 29th we delegated to the Public Health committee in support of the 2024 heat response strategy and urged Councillors to consider the following additions:

1. A temporary free air conditioning program targeted to low-income people and/or people most vulnerable to heat because of a medical condition or age.
2. The City of Hamilton to move forward this summer with offering free HSR fares during heat warnings.
3. All items in the Heat Response Plan to be funded for summer 2024 and include clear timelines for implementation.

The climate crisis is inherently unfair, leaving those who have historically contributed the least to the crisis suffering the most, globally as well as locally. We are looking forward to supporting Council and staff in implementing an adequate temperature by-law. In the meantime, an expanded free air conditioner program is an interim emergency measure to protect the health of some of our most vulnerable neighbours across the City.

Using \$52,500 of the City's \$2.5 million climate change reserve fund to protect vulnerable residents this summer and afford them basic comfort in their homes is an impactful and financially prudent short-term solution to the problem of extreme heat. Council must act with urgency when people's health is at stake.

Our coalition looks forward to continuing to work with city staff and City Councillors on this important issue.

Submitted on Fri, 05/31/2024 - 10:30

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
Public Health Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?
No

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Krista Laing
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9057399739

Preferred Pronoun
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request
I am requesting to speak in support of the resolution to declare the City of Hamilton to be a "No Paid Plasma Zone". I would like to speak on behalf of public health care workers who are deeply concerned about the consequences of paid plasma collection.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
Yes

Submitted on Thu, 05/30/2024 - 14:24

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
Public Health Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?
No

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Daniel Chin
Hamilton and District Apartment Association
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905-616-2058

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
Re: Adequate Temperature By-law

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
Yes

Submitted on Fri, 05/31/2024 - 10:12

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
Public Health Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?
No

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
James Kemp
n/a



Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
To delegate to Council regarding BOH24010(a)

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No



CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
Communicable Disease Control Division

TO:	Mayor and Members Public Health Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 3, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project (BOH24017) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Jordan Walker (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7365
SUBMITTED BY:	Jordan Walker Director, Communicable Disease Control Division Public Health Services
SIGNATURE:	

Discussion of Confidential Appendix “A” to Report BOH24017 in closed session is subject to the following requirement(s) of the City of Hamilton’s Procedural By-law and the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

RATIONALE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential Appendix “A” to Report BOH24017 is being considered in Closed Session as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them. The funder for this project, fitting the category described above, has directed that no public announcements or disclosure regarding the funding source occur until such time as official announcement is made by the funder.

RATIONALE FOR MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential Appendix “A” to Report BOH24017 is recommended to remain confidential until the project funder has issued an official announcement regarding the funding.

RECOMMENDATION (CLOSED SESSION)

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION (OPEN SESSION)

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That the correspondence in confidential Appendix “A” to Report BOH24017 be received and the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute all agreements, contracts, extensions, and documents, including submission of budgets and reports required to give effect to the Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hamilton Public Health Services has received approval for funding for an Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project. The proposed project would result in the hiring of two part-time peer ambassadors with expertise in community engagement to develop and implement health promotion strategies for routine childhood and school-based immunizations with Indigenous and newcomer populations. Peer ambassadors would address access, barriers to immunization, and promote vaccine confidence through: sharing vaccine information in culturally appropriate ways; addressing language barriers; resource development; supporting vaccine promotion at cultural and other events; and, creating strategies to promote vaccine uptake in their communities in partnership with existing community organizations and agencies. Further, these peer ambassadors would help foster trusting relationships with communities that have experienced inequity within the healthcare system or experience barriers to accessing healthcare.

The funding for this project will provide Public Health Services up to \$111,594 for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025; and up to \$124,878 for the fiscal year April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: There are no implications for base budget for the Community Vaccination and School Clinics Program. Wages and expenses for the project would be managed within the approved funding.

Staffing: The project would require hiring two 0.6 FTE peer vaccine ambassadors on contract until the termination of the funding agreement, March 31, 2026

Legal: Not Applicable.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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During the COVID-19 pandemic a Vaccine Ambassador Program was developed by the Hamilton Black Health Community Leaders Forum and Public Health Services to promote COVID-19 vaccine uptake among Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities. The Vaccine Ambassador Program addressed COVID-19 vaccine confidence using culturally appropriate health promotion strategies, strengthened trust and relationships with community members and partners, and reduced barriers to accessing COVID-19 vaccines. This program was funded through 100% provincial funding from the Ministry of Health for extraordinary costs related to COVID-19 response. This funding ended in December 2023. Recognizing the value and impact of the program, Public Health Services has been seeking other funding opportunities to support a peer vaccine ambassador program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Ontario Public Health Standards outline requirements that direct the delivery of mandatory public health programs and services by boards of health pursuant to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. The recommendations in this report and proposed Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project align with the requirements under the Immunization Program Standard to increase public confidence in immunizations; and work with community partners to improve public knowledge and confidence in immunization programs and services.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Finance and Administration was consulted in the preparation of the project application and supported development of the project budget.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Vaccine Ambassador Pilot Program Evaluation Report (BOH23036) demonstrated the value and impact of a peer ambassador program in supporting vaccine confidence and uptake among Black, Indigenous and racialized communities. Approval to receive and utilize the funding described in Appendix “A” to Report BOH24017 would allow Public Health Services to continue to build upon the partnerships developed through the previous Vaccine Ambassador Program and support vaccine confidence and uptake among Indigenous and Newcomer communities in Hamilton.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

**SUBJECT: Indigenous and Newcomer Vaccine Ambassador Project (BOH24017)
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